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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No.: 84.129A through R]

Rehabilitation Training: Rehabilitation Long-Term Training Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 1996

Purpose of Program: The Rehabilitation Long-Term Training program provides financial assistance for—

(1) Projects that provide basic or advanced training leading to an academic degree in areas of personnel shortages in rehabilitation as identified by the Secretary;

(2) Projects that provide a specified series of courses or program of study leading to award of a certificate in areas of personnel shortages in rehabilitation as identified by the Secretary; and

(3) Projects that provide support for medical residents enrolled in residency training programs in the specialty of physical medicine and rehabilitation.

Eligible Applicants: State agencies and other public or nonprofit agencies and organizations, including institutions of higher education, are eligible for assistance under the Rehabilitation Long-Term Training program.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 31, 1996.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: August 30, 1996

Applications Available: April 16, 1996.

Available Funds: \$900,000.

Estimated Range of Awards:

\$90,000—\$110,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards:

\$100,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 9.

NOTE: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period, Maximum Number of Awards, and Absolute Priorities: The Secretary is conducting a single competition to select a total of 9 grant awards across the 14 priority areas. The project period and maximum number of awards to be made in each priority area are listed in the following chart. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) and 34 CFR 386.1, the Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications that meet one of the following priorities. The Secretary funds under this competition only applications that propose to provide training in one of the following areas of personnel shortage:

CFDA No.	Priority Area	Project Period
84.129A	Prosthetics and Orthotics (1)	Up to 36 months
84.129C-1.	Administration of community (2) rehabilitation programs	Up to 60 months
84.129C-3.	Rehabilitation administration (3)	Up to 60 months
84.129D	Occupational therapy (2)	Up to 36 months
84.129E	Rehabilitation technology (3)	Up to 36 months
84.129F	Vocational evaluation and work adjustment (4)	Up to 36 months
84.129G	Community rehabilitation program personnel (1)	Up to 36 months
84.129H	Rehabilitation of individuals who are mentally ill (3)	Up to 36 months
84.129K	Supported Employment services, including services of employment specialists for individuals with disabilities (2)	Up to 36 months
84.129L	Undergraduate education in the rehabilitation services (3)	Up to 60 months
84.129M	Independent living (3)	Up to 36 months
84.129P	Specialized personnel for rehabilitation of individuals who are blind or have vision impairment (4)	Up to 36 months
84.129Q	Rehabilitation of individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing (5)	Up to 36 months
84.129R	Job development and job placement services to individuals with disabilities (2)	Up to 36 months

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, 86; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR Parts 385 and 386.

For Applications or Information

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Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3320, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2649. Telephone: (202) 205-9312. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; on the Internet Gopher Server at

GOPHER.ED.GOV (under Announcements, Bulletin, and Press Releases); or on the World Wide Web (at <http://www.ed.gov/money.html>).

However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the Federal Register.

Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 774

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Notice of Availability

SUMMARY: The Department announces the availability of a draft document entitled "Report on the Section 504 Self-Evaluation" (Self-evaluation), conducted by the Department of Education under section 504 of the

Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794).

The Self-evaluation contains (1) an evaluation of the accessibility of the Department's programs, activities, and facilities to persons with disabilities; (2) recommendations for improving the accessibility of the Department; and (3) summaries of the self-evaluations conducted by each principal office of the Department.

DATES: Comments on the Self-evaluation must be received on or before April 29, 1996.

ADDRESSES: All comments (oral or written) concerning and all requests for copies of the Self-evaluation should be addressed to Eunice Fiorito, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3316, Mary E. Switzer Building, Washington D.C. 20202-2500. Telephone number: (202) 205-8355. FAX: (202) 205-9252. Internet: